

AMENDMENTS TO SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph starting at Page 6, line 28 as follows:

The reinforcement material 18 may be disposed upon the carrier member 20 as need or desired. In the particular embodiment shown, a strip 90 of reinforcement material 18 is located on the first end surface 30, two strips 92 are located upon the second end surface 32 and one or more ~~two~~ strips 94 are located upon the second side surface 36.

Please amend the paragraph starting at Page 11, line 20 as follows:

In Figs. 6 and 7, there is illustrated respectively, a top perspective view and a bottom perspective view showing that the structure 14 include a plurality of walls 100 defining the cavity 12 within the structure 14. As shown in Figs. 8 and 9, the reinforcement member 10 is inserted into the cavity 12 through the bottom of the structure 14 ~~49~~ until the fastening member 60 is interference fit (e.g., in overlapping relation) with a protrusion 106 (e.g., a flange) of the structure 14. In the embodiment illustrated, the fastening member 60 is only temporarily interference fit with the protrusion 106. However, it is contemplated that a more permanent fit may be established. As shown, the carrier member 20, the reinforcement member 10 or both and particularly, the outer surface 22 of the carrier member 20 are shaped to correspond to the shape of the cavity 12 as defined by the walls 100 of the structure 14.